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1. AT BAPTISM CEREMONY YESTERDAY, FONSEC GOMEZ BERGES EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER IN MY PRESENCE DESIRABILITY OF SENDING CULTURAL GROUP TO ATLANTA OAS MEETING. BALAGUER IMMEDIATELY SEIZED POSITIVE PRESTIGE IMPLICATIONS AND INQUIRED OF ME HOW TO PROCEED. I REPLIED THAT SOME CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS FROM OAS MEMBER STATES WERE FORESEEN AT ATLANTA AND THAT I UNDERSTOOD ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES PLANNED TO SEND TYPICAL GROUPS, BUT NO FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE TO FINANCE THE UNDERTAKING. BALAGUER SAID THE GODR WOULD FLY A DOMINICAN CULTURAL GROUP TO ATLANTA VIA CDA AIRCRAFT AND PAY ALL OTHER EXPENSES AS WELL. HE SEEMED TO THINK THAT A FOLK DANCE GROUP IN ADDITION TO THE RONDALLA CHORUS WOULD GO OVER WELL. HE INSTRUCTED GOMEZ TO PURSUE THE MATTER. I TOLD GOMEZ THAT HOTEL SPACE WAS EXTREMELY TIGHT IN ATLANTA AND THAT HE OUGHT TO MOVE FAST.

2. COMMENT: AT THE MOMENT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN PRECISELY WHICH CULTURAL GROUP OR GROUPS THE GODR HAS IN MIND OR THEIR NUMBERS. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES SUGGEST DEPT RESERVE ROOMS FOR FORTY PEOPLE (PERHAPS TWENTY DOUBLES) UNTIL WE OBTAIN THE DETAILS. WE SHALL GIVE THE MATTER PRIORITY ATTENTION SINCE WE RECOGNIZE THAT MUCH PLANNING IS REQUIRED AT YOUR END.

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